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1. IN THE NEARLY TWO MONTHS SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE PRESENT GOVT,  
THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS DECLARATIONS BY VARIOUS MINISTERS THAT ONE  
OF THE BASIC, NECESSARY REFORMS IS THE EXTENSION OF POLITICAL  
PARTICIPATION TO ALL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF  
THESE REFORMS. THE GOVT HAS IN FACT TACITLY ALLOWED POLITICAL  
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GROUPS TO FUNCTION PUBLICLY. IT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN MADE EQUALLY

CLEAR THAT THOUGH THE "DEMOCRATIC" SOCIALISTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PERMISSIBLE SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE PCE WILL BE LEGALIZED OR ALLOWED TO FUNCTION OPENLY.

2. ONE OF FRAGA'S FIRST "PUBLIC" ACTS AS MINISTER WAS TO DINE WITH TIerno GALVAN, LEADER OF THE POPULAR SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP). FRAGA'S INTENT WAS PROBABLY AS MUCH SYMBOLIC AS IT WAS A FEATURE OF HIS CONTINUING PRACTICE OF KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ALL POLITICAL TRENDS (HE REPORTEDLY LUNCHEDED THIS WEEK WITH LEADERS OF THE MONARCHIST "FRENTE INSTITUCIONAL"). HE ALSO HAD PASSPORTS RETURNED TO VARIOUS SOCIALIST LEADERS AND CAUSED THE POLICE TO CRACK DOWN ON RIGHT-WING BULLY-BOYS ATTACKING LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. TIerno GALVAN, WHOSE LEFTIST IDEAS LED TO HIS LOSS OF A CHAIR IN THE UNIVERSITY 11 YEARS AGO, LECTURED TO APPROX 5,000 AT THE MADRID UNIVERSITY FEB 9. THE FULL REINSTITUTION OF TIerno IN HIS CHAIR HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAJOR DEMANDS OF UNIVERSITY ACTIVIST GROUPS. IN SEVILLA, PSOE LEADER FELIPE GONZALEZ LECTURED TO OVER 1,000 AT THE UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY TWO WEEKS AGO.

4. THE VARIOUS SOCIALIST GROUPS HAVE USED GOVT PERMISSIVENESS TO FUNCTION AS POLITICAL PARTIES. VARIOUS SPANISH SOCIALIST LEADERS HAVE TRAVELED FREELY TO ATTEND CONFERENCES OUTSIDE OF SPAIN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS HAVE VISITED SPAIN. THERE HAS BEEN A RETURN OF SOME EXILES INCLUDING RODOLFO LLOPIS, LEADER OF THE "HISTORIC OLD GUARD" BRANCH OF THE PSOE. HE MADE A TRIUMPHAL RETURN WITH POLICE ESCORT; HE HAS RECEIVED MUCH PUBLICITY AND REPORTEDLY MET WITH FRAGA. THIS WEEK VICTOR SALAZAR, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE LLOPIS' "OLD GUARD" BREAKAWAY PSOE, SECRETARY TO THE LATE CIVIL WAR SOCIALIST LEADER INDALECIO PRIETO, AND EXILED IN MEXICO SINCE 1939, RETURNED TO SPAIN.

5. MARCELINO CAMACHO, THE RECENTLY FREED LEADER OF THE PCE-DOMINATED WORKERS' COMMISSIONS, WAS ISSUED A PASSPORT AND HAS TRAVELED

FREELY. OTHER COMMUNIST LEADERS AS WELL HAVE TRAVELED AND SPOKEN AT DEMONSTRATIONS. BUT THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GOVT IS STRIVING TO UNDERMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WITHOUT CAUSING MAJOR INCIDENTS WHICH COULD DRIVE THE SOCIALIST GROUPS (WHICH UNIFORMLY SUPPORT THE LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE) INTO CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE PCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN BARCELONA A MEETING OF THE PCE-DOMINATED "ASAMBLEA DE CATALONIA" WAS BANNED FEB 8. LAST WEEK IN MADRID TWO CONCERTS BY THE CATALAN SINGER RAIMON WERE BANNED WHEN THE FIRST ONE TURNED INTO A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION WITH SHOUTS OF "IBARRURI" (THE EXILED CIVIL WAR COMMUNIST LEADER AND HONORARY LEADER OF THE PCE) AND "PASAREMOS"--AN EVOCATION OF THE COMMUNIST CIVIL WAR SLOGAN OF "THEY SHALL NOT PASS." THIS WEEK'S ISSUE OF "GUADIANA" REACHED THE NEWSSTANDS LATE FOLLOWING THE EXCISION, BY GOVT REQUEST, OF AN INTERVIEW WITH

PCE SEC GEN SANTIAGO CARRILLO.

6. THUS FAR THE GOVT'S INTENTIONS SEEM CLEAR. THEY WILL ALLOW THE SOCIALISTS ALL THE FREEDOMS THAT ARE BEING ALLOWED TO ALL THE OTHER VARIOUS "CIVILIZED" POLITICAL GROUPS. THEY WILL ALSO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL COMMUNIST LEADERS PERSONAL FREEDOMS. BUT THE GOVT HAS DRAWN THE LINE WITH RESPECT TO ORGANIZED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL REMAIN PROSCRIBED AND WILL BE PREVENTED.  
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